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Adoption of the report of the Working Group

Draft report

Chapter ___. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Transport and Atmosphere of the Commission on Sustainable Development met in New York from 6 to 9 March 2001 in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1999/280 of 29 July 1999. The Working Group held __ meetings (1st to __) and some informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Madina B. Jarbussynova (Kazakhstan).

3. The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.

B. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Working Group elected David Stuart (Australia) as Co-Chairperson, by acclamation.

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 March, the Working Group elected Daudi Taliwaku (Uganda) as Co-Chairperson, by acclamation.

C. Agenda and organization of work

6. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Working Group adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.17/ISWG.I/2001/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Transport.
4. Atmosphere.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

D. Attendance

7. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for the European Community, and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and secretariats of treaty bodies, as

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well as observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, also attended.

E. Documentation

8. The Working Group had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of the atmosphere (E/CN.17/2001/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on transport (E/CN.17/2001/3);

(c) Statement submitted by the International Federation on Ageing, a non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.17/2001/NGO/1);

(d) Background paper on protection of the atmosphere — addressing the uncertainties: improving the scientific basis for decision-making (E/CN.17/2001/BP/5);

(e) Background paper on protection of the atmosphere — impacts of climate change and variability: assessment and adaptation (E/CN.17/2001/BP/6);

(f) Background paper on the role of urban transport in sustainable human settlements development (E/CN.17/2001/BP/7);

(g) Background paper on transport and sustainable development in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) region (E/CN.17/2001/BP/8);

(h) Background paper on aviation and sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/BP/9);

(i) Background paper on "Tendencias y politicas referente a los sistemas de transporte de las Ciudades de America Latina, y las implicancias para su sostenibilidad (E/CN.17/2001/BP/10);

(j) Background paper on transport and sustainable development in the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) region (E/CN.17/2001/BP/11).